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SUBJECT: SUMMONS HOWARD R. HUGHES

REF: STATE 187817 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONSULAR OFFICER SERVED HOWARD HUGHES' SUMMONS IN FREEPORT, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974, ON MR. VANCE TYNES, A BAHAMIAN CITIZEN WHO IS SERVING AS A MESSENGER FOR HUGHES' INTERESTS IN FREEPORT.

2. AS ALL PERSONNEL AT THE XANADU HOTEL IN FREEPORT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WHEREABOUTS OR THE EXISTENCE OF HOWARD HUGHES, THE CONSULAR OFFICER WAS UNABLE TO SERVE THE SUMMONS ON HUGHES PERSONALLY. THE CONSULAR OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE THE SUMMONS IN THE POSSESSION OF MR. WILLEM MULDER, MANAGER, XANADU HOTEL WHO IRATELY REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT SAYING HOWARD HUGHES WAS NOT REGISTERED AT THE HOTEL AND HE (MULDER) KNEW NOTHING OF HUGHES' WHEREABOUTS OR HOW HE MIGHT BE REACHED. MULDER RETURNED THE SUMMONS TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER BY THROWING IT THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW OF CONSULAR OFFICER'S CAR.

3. CONSULAR OFFICER THEN CONTACTED FREEPORT POSTMASTER, WHO STATED THAT ONE VANCE TYNES IS SERVING AS A MESSENGER OF HUGHES' INTERESTS IN FREEPORT AND THAT THE POST OFFICE TURNED OVER ALL MAIL, INCLUDING REGISTERED

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MAIL, ADDRESSED TO HOWARD R. HUGHES, TO MR. TYNES.

POSTMASTER STATED MR. TYNES HAS AN OFFICE AT XANADU HOTEL.

4. CONSULAR OFFICER THEN RETURNED TO XANADU HOTEL AND WAITED AT HOTEL GATE UNTIL A MAN WHOM THE GATE ATTENDANT IDENTIFIED AS MR. TYNES RETURNED FROM LUNCH. CONSULAR OFFICER APPROACHED MR. TYNES INQUIRING WHETHER MR. TYNES WAS THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH IMPORTANT LETTERS AND MESSAGES COULD REACH MR. HOWARD HUGHES. WHEN MR. TYNES ANSWERED, "SOMETIMES", CONSULAR OFFICER PLACED AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING SUMMONS INTO MR. TYNES' HANDS STATING IT WAS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED TO HOWARD HUGHES. MR. TYNES PROCEEDED TO THE HOTEL WITH THE ENVELOPE AND CONSULAR OFFICER DEPARTED THE HOTEL PREMISES. ALTHOUGH TYNES DID NOT REPEAT NOT, CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OR DOMICILE OF HOWARD HUGHES IN FREEPORT, CONSULAR OFFICER IS CERTAIN TYNES IS A MESSENGER FOR HUGHES' INTERESTS.

4. CONSULAR OFFICER MAILING AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS ALONG LINES OF ABOVE SCENARIO TO ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY, DEAN VERNON, US DISTRICT COURT, NEVADA. WEISS

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